

DECLARATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

Joseph M. Wilen declares that he is President/CEO of:

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and he is authorized to execute this declaration on behalf of said corporation.

The following identified application for patent and the invention disclosed therein have been assigned to said corporation:

Inventor(s): Joseph M. Wilen

Title: MOP WRINGER WITH MOP HANDLE SUPPORT

Serial No. Filing Date:

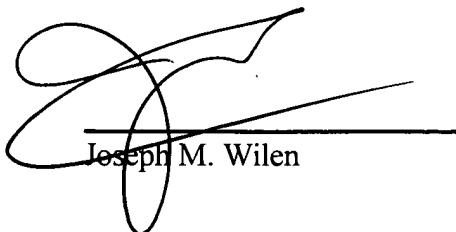
Said corporation is a small business concern for the purpose of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 41(a) and (b), in that said corporation and all of its affiliates employ less than five hundred persons at the present time and averaged less than five hundred employees during each of the pay periods of the last fiscal year.

Said corporation has not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention of said application to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor if that person had made the invention or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern or non-profit organization under this Section.

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I hereby verify that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of said patent application or any patent resulting therefrom.

2-20-98
(Date)



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Docket: W005 1040

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

MOP WRINGER WITH MOP HANDLE SUPPORT

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or ever used in the United States before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to the date of this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to the date of this application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code Section 120 of any United States applications or PCT international applications designating the United States of America that are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in those prior applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior applications and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. Application Serial No. 60/063,724, filed November 3, 1997,
presently pending

For the invention entitled: MOP WRINGER WITH MOP HANDLE SUPPORT

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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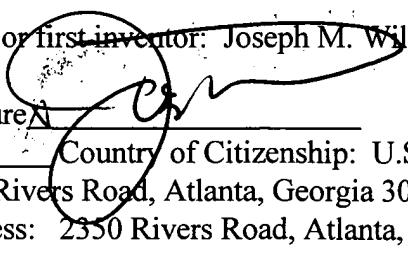
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